

Khartoum embassy siege ends

Khartoum (AP) — A siege of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) embassy, Wednesday afternoon ended with the arrest of the lone gunman who stormed into the building and held the ambassador, three senior diplomats and a gardener hostage, official sources said. A six-man commando unit stormed the embassy, arrested the gunman and freed the hostages in 40 seconds. There were no casualties. Army soldiers stood by as an helicopter hovered overhead as the commandos whisked away the unidentified attacker. UAE Ambassador Mohammad Sultan refused to speak to reporters after his release. Released captives said the gunman talked on the telephone with an official at the office of UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahayan. He asked for the release of a number of "political prisoners," and threatened to blow up the embassy when the official told him Sheikh Zayed was unavailable. Sudanese officials initially appealed to the gunman to end his siege, but decided to storm the building after his threats with explosion, officials said. Reports of the release of the hostages and arrest of the gunman first came from official sources in Abu Dhabi. Little was known about the gunman's identity.

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Philippine typhoon death toll at 90

MANILA (R) — Floods drowned dozens of residents in the central Philippines, raising to 90 the number of people feared dead in the wake of typhoon Skip, officials said Wednesday. At least 34 people were killed after floodwaters swamped the provincial capital and seven towns of Palawan Island Monday. Red Cross relief chief Lourdes Masing said, Masing said the death toll could rise further once communications were restored with interior Palawan villages cut off by swollen rivers. He said at least 75 people were missing in Palawan.

Bomb attack injures 2 in Djibouti

DJIBOUTI (R) — The latest in a series of mysterious bombings in Djibouti injured two people, state-run radio and television said Wednesday. The home-made bomb was hurled into a shop in central Djibouti late Tuesday evening. It was the second bombing in Djibouti town in less than a month. A grenade exploded Oct. 11 at a National Assembly parking lot. In September, a power plant and a public works facility in the southern part of the country were bombed. No one was injured and no arrests have been reported.

Britain to hold new talks with Iran

LONDON (R) — Britain sent a senior Foreign Office official to Vienna Wednesday for talks with Iran on resuming normal diplomatic relations. Sir David Miers, assistant undersecretary of state for Middle Eastern Affairs, was expected to meet Mahmoud Vaezi, head of the Iranian Foreign Ministry's West European desk, British officials said. The talks are aimed at reopening the British embassy in Tehran and the appointment of ambassadors by both countries in the new year, the officials said.

Hirohito 'temporarily' stable

TOKYO (R) — Emperor Hirohito was reported in stable condition Wednesday but palace officials said his health could take a turn for the worse any time. "His Majesty the emperor is stable, but this is just for the time being," a palace official told reporters.

Muslim leader meets Ibn Ali

TUNIS (R) — Tunisia's Islamic militants said Wednesday their leader had a positive meeting with President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali last weekend but the president did not promise to recognise them soon as a political party. A spokesman for the militant Islamic Tendency Movement (MTI) told Reuters MTI leader Rashed Ghannouchi asked for the meeting to thank Ibn Ali for releasing scores of detained militants and to wish him well on his first anniversary in power. The meeting Saturday, the first between Ibn Ali and an MTI leader, ended almost two months of cool relations between the movement and the government.

Italy to recall warships from Gulf

ROME (R) — Italy said Wednesday it would withdraw its warships from the Gulf by the end of the year and would stop escorting merchant vessels in the waterway this month. Italy sent eight naval vessels to the Gulf in September, 1987, at the height of the Iran-Iraq war, to protect merchant shipping. These have since been reduced to two frigates, a reconnaissance vessel and two minesweepers.

Kabul names new envoy to Moscow

ISLAMABAD (R) — The Soviet-backed Afghan government has named Interior Minister Sayed Mohammad Gulabzai ambassador to Moscow, Bakhtar news agency reported. The official agency, monitored in Islamabad Wednesday, did not say who would replace Gulabzai. He has figured prominently in all Afghan cabinets since the 1978 Marxist takeover and is head of the ruling People's Democratic Party's Khalq faction. Khalq opposes President Najibullah's peace offers to the guerrillas fighting the Kabul government and Gulabzai was widely considered a potential rival for the president, who leads the Parcham (Flag) faction.

S. Arabia sets up state oil firm

ABU DHABI (R) — Saudi Arabia Wednesday set up a state oil company which will apparently formally take over the kingdom's vast oil industry from an American consortium but was quick to add this would not affect current operations. The Saudi Press Agency (SPA) gave few details of the decision by the Saudi cabinet to set up the Saudi Arabian Oil Company beyond saying that the cabinet defined the legal status of the country's expanding petroleum infrastructure. But the move comes after several years when the relationship between the Saudi government and companies in the Arabian American Oil Company (Aramco) remained unclear.

Kuwait gives \$1m to U.N. force

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait will give \$1 million to help finance the U.N. team of military observers monitoring the ceasefire between Iran and Iraq, a Foreign Ministry official said Wednesday. He told the Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) the money was in addition to what Kuwait had already agreed to pay towards the cost of the U.N.-Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group (UNIMOG).

S. Arabia, Kuwait sign accord

RIVADIB (R) — Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have signed an accord to safeguard the rights of people living in an oil-producing neutral zone dividing the two Gulf states. Some 400,000 barrels of oil per day are pumped in the neutral zone and Saudi Arabia and Kuwait sell part of the production on behalf of Iraq. Saudi and Kuwaiti nationals live together in the area south of Kuwait and overlooking the Gulf. Kuwait's Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah said on Saudi Television after the signing ceremony he hoped the agreement marked a step towards achieving security and stability for citizens of both countries.

Turkish Cypriots end visit to Greek zone

NICOSIA (AP) — Four Turkish Cypriot politicians ended a three-day visit to the Greek sector of Cyprus Wednesday, the first since Turkey's 1974 invasion divided the island, and said it was "an important step" towards bringing the rival communities together. The official Cyprus News Agency said that prominent Greek Cypriot politician Yiannakis Matsis, who arranged the visit, accompanied the visitors to the United Nations-patrolled green line that splits Nicosia and hailed the visit as "a great success." The visit came as President George Vassilis, the Greek Cypriot leader, ended several weeks of face-to-face talks with Rauf Denktash, president of the breakaway Turkish Cypriot state in northern Cyprus on reuniting the war-divided island. More talks are scheduled before the end of the year.

Lecteurs francophones

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Regent urges EEC to help find speedy Mideast solution

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, the Regent, Wednesday urged the European Economic Community (EEC) to bring about a speedy and just solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Jordan seeks with all its power to establish just and lasting settlements to the Arab-Israeli conflict and to the Lebanese problem so that the region can live in peace, the Crown Prince said at a meeting with Greek Foreign Minister Karolos Papoulias, who began a two-day visit to Jordan earlier in the day.

The Regent underlined the role which the EEC as a whole and Greece in particular can play to end the Middle East problems. Prince Hassan said Jordan's decision to sever legal and administrative ties with the West Bank was aimed at ending any dual responsibility for the territories and to enhance the Palestinian identity.

Upon his arrival, Papoulias said he was pleased to make the visit, which comes at a time when the region is going through very important developments in which his country and other EEC members are keenly interested.

Greece values Jordan's efforts for just and durable Middle East peace and is committed to a policy of supporting the Arab Nation's just causes and interests, Papoulias said.

The meeting was attended by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri and Greek Ambassador to Jordan Hannibal Velladias.

The Greek minister's talks here would focus on the general situation in the Middle East region.

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Victorious Bush vows to cooperate with Congress



King congratulates Bush, voices hope for peace

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday cabled George Bush on his victory in the U.S. presidential election.

The King expressed hope that the next stage would witness further U.S. interest in regional issues to reinforce peace in the world, the Middle East in particular, and to reach a durable, just, and comprehensive peace that restores stability in the region, and peace and security to its peoples.

The King wished Bush success and hoped that the U.S. people would attain further progress and prosperity.

His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan also sent a message of congratulations to Bush.

"May I extend to you my heartfelt congratulations on your victory in the United States presidential elections. Your wisdom and experience will greatly contribute to your leadership of the American people as you guide them into the last decade of this millennium. In wishing you every success in the years ahead and the American people continuing happiness and prosperity, I pray to the Almighty to guide us all in the service of humanity," the cable said.

Information Minister Hani Khasawneh welcomed Bush's victory and expressed hope that the new president would be able to achieve comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

In a statement to Agence France Presse (AFP), Dr. Khasawneh hoped that the U.S. president-elect would help achieve the Middle East peoples' aspirations through the attainment of a just and durable peace in the region.

Dr. Khasawneh also referred to the friendly ties existing between King Hussein and Bush and said that the president-elect was familiar with the constructive role Jordan is playing in the Middle East region.

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Rise of the 'proto-bedouin'

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Trade and cities

Whereas the early agricultural societies of west Arabia were basically non-urban, the rise of the bedouin coincided with the rise of Arabian cities. The typical Arabian city or town is an oasis-based trade centre. The interaction of the bedouin tribe and the oasis city has shaped the politics and the culture of Arabia, since the middle of the first millennium BC.

Arabia's importance for international trade can be traced back to the end of the eighth century BC, when the Assyrians tried to gain control of the famous Incense Route from the south through Arabia to the Mediterranean. From the end of the eighth century BC, incense was a much sought after luxury item. Small quantities generated large profits and the incense traders became rich.

Arabian trade was only made possible by the interaction of tribes and cities. The cities needed the tribes and their camels to span the long distances; the tribes, in turn, needed the cities in order to turn their transportation potential — the camel — into profit, and to provide themselves with agricultural and other products. It is not by chance that international trade and the emergence of Arabian cities in the north coincided with the development of the south Arabian agricultural tribal states of Saba, Ma'in, and others into small kingdoms.

We still do not know a great deal about those early Arabian cities or towns. Their main features, however, must have been similar to those of the towns of Hejaz and Yemen in the early nineteenth century. All have one

common element: They consisted of several clusters of buildings separated by intervening open spaces. This unusual layout reflected the strong tribal organisation of the city dwellers and the sedentary population of the Arabian Peninsula as a whole. It provided the necessary space for the caravans coming to or gathering in them. This basic concept of an "Arab" settlement appears to have been later carried to the Islamic west where it became a constituent element of the medieval cities of the Maghrib. Trade, with its concomitant urbanisation, led to the development of a standardised Arabic language. As trade connected the different parts of the Arabian Peninsula, a common means of communication developed and this in turn led to standardisation

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To some extent, the similarities found between the Hellenistic and Arabic civilisations may well reflect independent, parallel developments. But there were also definitive Hellenistic impacts on Arabic civilisation, as can be seen in contemporary Arab architecture and sculpture. This is best exemplified by the Nabateans and the Palmyreans, and by the as-yet insufficiently explored Hellenistic or Hellenistic cities of central Arabia and on the Gulf coast.

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In the third century AD, the world of late Hellenism came to an end. In the Roman Empire — the western Hellenistic world — a process of centralisation started with the introduction of an organised state religion, Christianity. The same process took place in the east where the Parthians — representatives of eastern Hellenism — were overthrown by a new dynasty, the Sassanians. Parthian pluralism was soon replaced by Sassanian centralism. The "federal" Parthian state gave way to the highly centralised Sassanian state and Parthian pluralism and tolerance in religion was succeeded by a centralised, Zoroastrian state religion.

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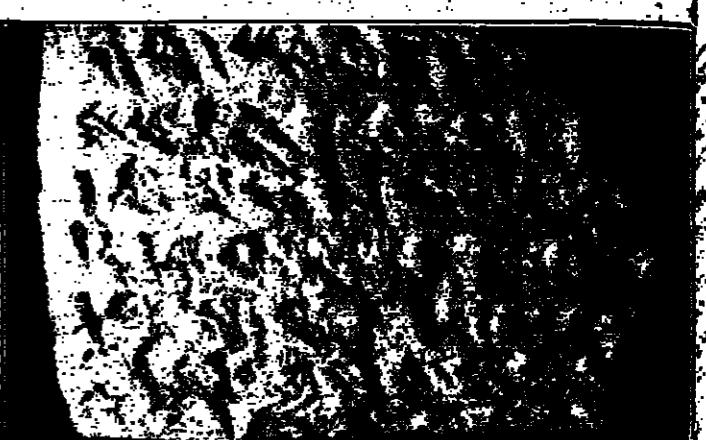
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changes. Once again, centralism had to replace pluralism. It was in the fourth century AD that Imru'ulqays called himself "King of all Arabs" and an ally of the Romans and the Persians. Imru'ulqays, however, did not succeed in creating a unified Arab state, but the concept of such a state must have been in his mind. No bedouin king was to build a unified Arab state. It was the town dwellers, the merchants of the trading centres of Arabia, who developed trade systems which gave their respective towns prominence. Among them, the merchants of Mecca became the most successful. By the end of the sixth century AD, their trade network, their market and their sanctuary — the Kaaba — dominated everything else on the Aramaean Peninsula. Mecca had become the commercial, religious and, to some extent, the power centre of the peninsula. Only a unifying element was lacking. With the revelation of Islam to the Prophet Mohammad, the long process of Arab unification was completed and a new era was about to begin.

The milestones along this way were the creation of a standardised Arabic language and the establishment of a set of common values, both culminating in the al-Jahiliyya poetry. The revelation of the Holy Koran resulted in Arab unification. The heritage of the Arabs blended with the heritage of Hellenism and created a new phase in the civilisation of mankind: The world of Islam.



The Obelisk Tomb at Petra, showing the impact of Hellenism and the mesh of cultural influences from Egypt and other regions of the Near East (above). The Mecha Stele from Dhiban, recounting the exploits of the Moabite King Mesha (830-820 BC); now at the Louvre Museum, with a copy in the Amman Museum (right). A cuneiform tablet from Tawilat, near Petra, from around 520 BC, recounting a trade transaction between merchants in Tawilat and in north Syria (right top).



Roots of the Arab people

of values which created the ground on which al-Jahiliyya poetry could grow.

The impact of Hellenism

With Hellenism (third century BC to third century AD), the people of the Middle East encountered a new way of life, a new understanding of man and new styles of expression. Hellenism was not merely a form of cultural import. In this interaction between the East and the

West, both parties gave and received. The basic concepts of Hellenism were not foreign to Arabia. A form of aristocratic democracy existed both in the Hellenistic community and in the Arab tribe, and both cultures developed a deep appreciation of the individual and his rights.

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NATIONAL NEWS IN BRIEF

JORDAN-SAUDI TALKS: Information Minister Hani Khasawneh Wednesday discussed with Saudi Ambassador to Jordan Sheikh Mohammad Al Fahd Al Isa various issues of interest to the two countries (Petra).

CHINESE TEAM VISIT MUTA: The visiting Chinese military delegation Wednesday visited Mu'ta University, near Karak, and was briefed on the programmes of the university's military wing. The delegation members toured a number of departments and met with deans and officials (Petra).

TALHOUNI MEETS N. YEMENI AIDE: North Yemeni-Jordanian relations and bilateral cooperation were reviewed here Wednesday by a visiting member of North Yemen's Consultative Council Ahmad Tamer Atif and senate member Bahjat Talhouni (Petra).

TARAWNEH LEAVES FOR SUDAN: Civil Defence Department (CDD) Director General Khaled Tarawneh Wednesday left for Sudan on a several-day visit to discuss development of bilateral cooperation in civil defence. His visit follows one made by a group of CDD officials who conducted a study on Sudan's needs of technical training programmes prior to arranging for assistance to that country (Petra).

ISESCO MEETING: The executive council of the Islamic Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (ISESCO), which is preparing for the general council's meeting Saturday, has discussed a number of issues related to the ISESCO's charter and endorsed amendments as presented by the organisation's general administration (Petra).

TAFILEH ELECTIONS ON NOV. 18: The council of ministers has decided to dissolve the Kraimeh Municipal Council in the Jordan Valley and to appoint a committee to run the municipality's affairs charged by the district governor. Meanwhile, it was announced Wednesday that municipal elections for Tafileh town in southern Jordan will be held on Nov. 18. A total of 7,327 persons are eligible to vote in the elections. The municipal elections in Ramtha will be held Sunday. 14,182 voters will choose 10 from 25 candidates running for the elections (Petra).

SCIENTIFIC DAY ON AIDS: The Irbid Governorate Health Department Wednesday organised a scientific day on acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) at the Professional Associations Complex in Irbid. Chairman of the National Committee to Combat AIDS reviewed the protective measures and the ways by which this disease spreads (Petra).

TOURISM IN ZARQA: A committee charged with stimulating tourism in Zarqa convened Wednesday under the chairmanship of Governor Eid Qatameh and discussed a number of matters related to tourist areas and archaeological sites in the governorate. The committee decided to dispatch a team on a tour of different archaeological sites to work out a comprehensive programme for their development (Petra).

100,000 VISIT JORDANIAN PAVILION: Over 100,000 people have so far visited the Jordanian pavilion at Baghdad International Fair. Director of Jordanian Pavilion Khalaf Al Fayed said that the variety and good quality of exhibited Jordanian industries enjoy the approval of visitors.

AGRICULTURAL SEMINAR: An agricultural seminar was held in Karak Wednesday to orient local farmers on diseases affecting cattle and means of protecting the animals (Petra).

IMPLEMENTATION OF PROJECTS: The Ministry of Social Development has concluded a training course for its officials in charge of planning and following up the implementation of projects (Petra).

MAN JAILED FOR 6 YEARS: The military court has sentenced George Yousef Ata Abdal Nabi to six years imprisonment with hard labour and the payment of JD 600 fine for trafficking with hashish. The military governor Wednesday approved the sentence (Petra).

All basic food supplies are available — Hawamdeh

AMMAN (Petra) — Ministry of Supply Secretary General Abdullah Al Hawamdeh has stressed that all the basic food supplies are available in adequate quantities.

In a statement to Jordan News Agency, Petra, he said such food supplies are being regularly provided from the ministry stores and sold at the regular prices which will not witness any rise. He added that the imported cigarettes are available in adequate quantities.

Referring to imported beef and mutton, he said they are still arriving in adequate quantities. "The

ministry will shortly import frozen meat and fish alongside the private sector so as to make these two types of food available."

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The workshop focused on the preservation of textiles and costumes, photography of museum objects, conservation of 20th century pictures and Petra as an open museum.

Some of the important papers presented include "the role of museums in conservation of works of art and their permanent preservation" by Dr. Tariq Shar-

if, the director of the fine art department at the Syrian Ministry of Culture; "the preservation techniques and methods" by Dr. Christine Sitwell from the Tate Museum in London; "the storage of various objects at museums and various methods and techniques and conditions pertinent to the subject" by Dr. Tariq Madloun, the Director General of the Regional Centre for Conservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, Baghdad.

Guada Qaddumi from Dar Al Athar Al Islamiyah (Islamic Antiquities Centre) in Kuwait shared with the participants some of the culture programmes con-

ducted at the centre.

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WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

ART EXHIBITIONS

- ★ An art exhibition by Mohammad Samara at Alia Art Gallery — 5:00 p.m.
- ★ A plastic art exhibition by Iyad Al Masri at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ★ A children's painting exhibition at Hittin Refugee Camp public library.

OTHER EXHIBITIONS

- ★ A literary exhibition held on the occasion of the centennial birthday of the British poet T.S. Eliot at the Exhibition Hall, the University of Jordan.
- ★ The Egyptian book exhibition at the Arab Club, Irbid.

FILMS

- ★ An Italian film entitled "Il Bistecche Domato" at Bayan Arts Centre — 7:00 p.m.
- ★ An American film entitled "Romancing the Stone" at the American Centre — 7:00 p.m.

Greater Amman announces cultural plans on King Hussein's birthday

AMMAN (J.T.) — Greater Amman Municipality Wednesday announced a programme of activities as part of its contribution to the Kingdom's celebrations of His Majesty King Hussein's birthday which falls Monday, Nov. 17.

The Queen, it said, will distribute medals and certificates of merit to engineers and workers who helped to set up Amman's gardens and parks.

Those to be honoured at the ceremony represent the ministries of Sports, Tourism, and Education as well as the Radio and Television Corporation, the local press, the Housing Bank, sports organisations and the Royal Falcons.

The municipality earlier announced that the King Abdulah Ibn Al Hussein Complex and Public Park, at Wadi Saqra district of Amman, flower exhibitions in a number of areas, cultural and artistic events at Amman's national parks and gardens, as well as a seminar on Jordan Television.

A municipality statement said that the events will include an aerial display to be performed by the Royal Falcons over the city of Amman.

The municipality's Amman Development Corporation

(ADC) Director General Sami Rashid said that the complex was named after King Abdullah in recognition of endeavours exerted by the monarch, who founded the Kingdom, to implement the objectives of the Great Arab Revolt led by his father, Sharif Hussein Ibn Ali.

The 82,000-square-metre complex offers a variety of attractions which include cultural, recreational and sports services befitting the Jordanian people and visitors to the Kingdom.

According to Rashid the complex has 62 stores with access from a number of directions, an amphitheatre for plays or other performances, a car-park for 600 vehicles, a children's open theatre, a public garden for which entry will be free of charge, in addition to a recreation centre which includes a children's garden and an aquarium.

Amendments of procedural matters in election law to be finalised this month

By Rania Atalla
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — While amendments regarding the electoral constituencies and seats in the general parliamentary elections law have not been finalised yet, amendments of procedural matters are expected to be covered before the end of this month, according to Interior Minister Rajai Dajani.

The general elections law was issued in 1986, but developments which followed Jordan's decision to sever legal and administrative links with the West Bank, especially the dissolution of parliament, necessitated a revision of the law, especially in view of the fact that it consisted of an equal number of East and West Bank deputies, totalling 142.

"The committee (at the ministry) which has already met several times (to discuss the amendments), has covered most of the material related to amendments, especially procedural material," Dajani said in an interview with Al Ra'i and the Jordan Times. "What remains is the part which is not up to us to decide, it is the state's decision."

Regarding the electoral constituencies and seats, Dajani said several distinctly outlined choices and alternatives have been put forth. "After the proposed amendments are studied, which should occur during this month, we will present the proposals to be looked at by the government," he added.

Dajani explained that the Prime Ministry will look at the

proposals as an amendment project which is to be examined by officials at a higher level within the context of higher policy making so that a decision may be reached on the issue.

"It is important to be extremely careful at this stage. We will have to take our time in order to come up with a decent law. Why should we hurry?" Dajani commented. He said what remains to be covered is the last third and "most difficult part" of the amendment process.

He explained that a committee, made up of representatives of governors from all over the Kingdom, as well as university professors, meets every Thursday to discuss the issue.

Dajani had earlier told Al Ra'i that as electoral constituencies, the Palestinian refugee camps in Jordan would be reconsidered, and that the registered voters' names would be integrated in other constituencies.

Queen Noor to visit schools at Zarqa Military Camp

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor will Thursday visit the Al Hussein preparatory and secondary schools at Zarqa Military Camp which were founded in 1950 to provide education to female children of Armed Forces martyrs and local students.

The preparatory school in the camp accommodates 687 students, while the secondary school seats 230.

Meanwhile the Ministry of Education has decided to announce a tender to build schools in different parts of Zarqa.

In the last two years, the

completed work on a number of schools at the cost of JD 6.7 million.

In May this year, Minister of Education Thaouqan Hindawi said that the ministry had adopted a plan to set up schools in different parts of the Kingdom in implementation of the first national educational conference held in Amman last year.

Altogether 12 schools are to be built in Zarqa Governorate in implementation of the plan according to the minister.

Addressing a special U.N.

committee which is reviewing the proposal, Salah said Jordan is proud of the new endeavour which was first submitted to the General Assembly in 1981, and of its help to publish the proposed order in 12 languages and distribute it to different countries around the world.

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LONDON (Petra) — The Anglo-Jordanian Friendship Society held its annual ceremony in London Tuesday in the presence of Their Royal Highnesses Prince Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein and Princess Aisha who deputised for His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan.

Prince Abdullah delivered a speech paying tribute to the society for its endeavours to bolster Jordanian-British relations.

The society's president, Michael Snow, was presented by Prince Abdullah with the Jordanian Independence Medal of the Second Order as conferred on him by His Majesty King Hussein in recognition of his efforts in strengthening bilateral ties.

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Necessary readjustment

JUDGING by the remarks and explanation of the ministers of trade and industry and supply in the wake of the measures introduced by the government Saturday to curb the outflow of foreign currencies from Jordan and increase state reserves, it has become obvious that Jordan is not about to change its true colour as a country promoting and championing free enterprise and the least amount of intervention by the government.

In essence the corrective measures were taken to deal with an exceptional fiscal and economic period, and are likely to be reversed as soon as the remedial measures have taken their course and the conditions in the country have returned to normal.

There have been string of dire circumstances that befall the country which in their cumulative effect forced the government to resort to emergency steps. The reasons for the unusual fiscal and economic conditions in Jordan are numerous, a major one of which is the deliberate Israeli attempt to halt the inflow of Jordanian dinars to the West Bank and Gaza through Amman.

To put it bluntly, Israeli traces can be found in some of the major processes that aimed to destabilise the economy of Jordan. Certainly, there are other dimensions to our fiscal and economic conditions, some of which are domestic and others external. On the local scene, the measures taken are a grim reminder that we as people and consumers in Jordan needed to readjust to the new phase in Jordanian economic development.

Go are the days of extravagance that we became used to for much too long, and in are the days when we need to tighten our belts a bit to cope with the end of the so-called adolescent stage of our economic development.

We also hope for a change of heart by Arab countries which had promised aid to Jordan, but did not fulfil all their promises.

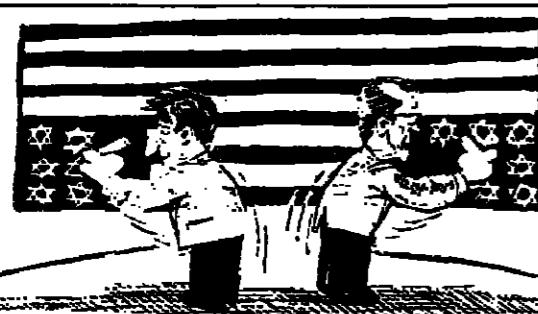
The \$200 million which we are striving to save to put our fiscal situation on the right track again could be had if the emergency steps taken recently are faithfully observed by all of us, whether in the private or public sectors.

When Arab aid resumes, and our consumption patterns change, we should regain our posture of normality, and hopefully we can then gradually relax the strong measures taken last week.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily Wednesday commented on His Majesty King Hussein's tour in the Gulf region and said that it coincided with the first anniversary of the Amman summit meeting when the Arab leaders achieved agreement and consensus on joint action. The visit at this time displays Jordan's keenness on maintaining the momentum of that summit and consultations among Arab leaders to confront the common challenges. Apart from the situation in the Gulf the King's discussions cover the situation in Lebanon in view of a call for a new summit on this crisis, the situation in the occupied Arab territories where the uprising is now entering its second year and Jordan's relations with Arab Gulf states, the paper noted. The King is keen on maintaining a good and strong relationship with each of the Arab states and a high level of consultations about various issues of concern to the Arab masses, the paper added. It voiced confidence that the new round of talks with Arab Gulf leaders will contribute towards bolstering joint Arab action at all levels and will pave the way for the Arabs to achieve the aspired peace in their region.

Al Dustour newspaper also commented on the King's tour and said that the meetings assume great significance being taken place under the present circumstances. The King is keen on maintaining consultations with the heads of the Arab Gulf states on various political matters and developments which are of concern to all Arabs, the paper noted. It said there is no doubt that the talks will cover the on-going Iran-Iraq negotiations in Geneva, the situation in Lebanon and the uprising in the occupied Arab territories. These as well as other issues are of concern to Jordan and Arab states and should be dealt with through a great measure of wisdom and close cooperation, the paper added.



ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

Buy local products

A columnist in Al Dustour daily comments Wednesday on the situation that followed the rise in the price of imported drugs by 30 per cent and says such development places serious responsibility on Jordanian physicians and specialists. Jordanian doctors ought from now on to issue prescriptions for the purchase of locally produced drugs rather than imported medicine, Ahmad Al Hisban advises. Jordanian products are of high quality and can replace imported products in our pharmacies, says the writer. We are proud of our products and Jordanian doctors ought to help us use them instead of the rather expensive drugs imported from abroad, the writer adds. He says that the local pharmaceutical firms also have a serious responsibility of doubling their efforts to produce even better quality medicines to encourage citizens to give them preference over foreign brands. The government's measures of raising the price of imported drugs, he concludes, are bound to help boost local production and save a great deal of badly needed hard currency.

The following is the second part of a two part series on the ethics of human solidarity taken from the book: *Winning the Human Race*, the final report of the Independent Commission on Humanitarian Issues that His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan launched last month during visits to London and Paris. Part one appeared Wednesday.

CERTAIN ethical imperatives follow from the fact that we cannot control and predict the consequences of our actions in a complex environment. They include:

* The responsibility to examine and attempt to understand the full range of consequences of an action and avoid one-dimensional thinking.

* To make every effort to minimise harm and to compensate the sufferers when harm is unavoidably generated in pursuit of a competing good.

* To exercise discernment in the face of unintended consequences or harm. Justifiable actions may hurt some people. However it is important to acknowledge any ill effects for what they are rather than insisting that they are acceptable because they cannot be avoided.

Inaction can be as decisive as action, and just as damaging. On the other hand, the need to act without full knowledge or total certainty is a major dilemma for those who hold power. The fact is that no single person or institution has the capacity to marshall all the facts, understand all the alternatives or predict all the reactions to and interpretations of an action.

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Such a consensus must necessarily take into account the increasingly prominence of new actors, particularly in recent decades, both within and outside the governmental structures of new states or states that have radically changed their political system. However, these new actors have emerged from nations, cultures and ideologies that did not participate in formulating the international consensus on humanitarian norm, and have not had the opportunity to give their views on it. It is not surprising that they feel little obligation to abide by it.

Many of the new states do not have adequate experience of

national politics, much less of international politics. Moreover, many states that accept international standards in external conflicts still refuse to apply humanitarian norms to the internal ones when dealing with opposition groups. These groups thus lack the incentive of mutual restraint to apply the norms themselves.

One additional explanatory factor in the fragility of the humanitarian consensus may be that the consensus itself has not drawn sufficiently upon non-Western cultural, legal and religious traditions. The historical reasons for this are clear. The norms of humanitarian conduct, therefore, might become more universally acceptable if they draw on more universal, rather than strictly Western sources of inspiration.

The holy texts of various religions and the legal systems, philosophies, and customary practices of other cultures, including oral traditions, abound in moral injunctions that imply an ethic of human solidarity.

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longer be afforded. International standards must be such as to be acceptable across a wide spectrum of cultures and ideologies. They must be based on the notion of the human species as a single, indivisible but pluralistic unit.

The tenuousness of human judgment is an inescapable fact of life. However, to reduce the margin for error, we must strive to keep the channels of communication with others open. The broadest possible discourse can at the very least uncover differences of conviction and their sources. Exposure to different ways of looking at a problem may increase understanding and in so doing enlarge areas of agreement. Sometimes, received opinion may be false, or it may be necessary to clear up apprehensions about erroneous opinion. But the commoner case than either of these, is when conflicting opinions, instead of being one true and the other false, share the truth between them, and an exchange takes place to supply the remainder of the truth.

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consensus are often dismissed as unattainable, for they raise fears of forced imposition of a uniform system of values on highly pluralistic world. Such uniformity is neither necessary nor desirable, for an international consensus can and should be a minimum one. It requires identifying a few irreducible values — but these may have a different configuration among themselves and in relation to other values, depending on their cultural setting. What is important is not the configuration, but rather with persons one does not even know?

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upon ensuring mutual welfare. It is natural to talk about helping those with whom we are in immediate contact, but here we are talking about those far away as well. The duty to help those in need, at least within the family circle and the immediate community if not the nation and the world, is widely if not universally acknowledged in some form. Psychologically, most human beings are made uncomfortable by the suffering of others. But why should one be concerned with persons one does not even know?

For centuries, the great religious texts have taught the essential oneness of the human race. That transcendent perception of common humanity seems to have waned, though it may yet be reawakened. It is strongly buttressed by the facts of mutual reliance as well as the logic moral philosophy and it is fully consistent with the reality of interna-

both communities are trying to seek their goals within the legitimate political arena, as both do — I think we ought to understand that we have different positions, we pursue them differently, and that is fine.

"However, to the degree — and this has spilled over on both sides, and I could cite examples; I am sure you could, too — where a pro-Israeli position or a pro-Arab position results, on the one hand, in anti-Arabism, or, on the other hand, in anti-Semitism in that sense, I think that that is out of bounds."

On issues such as prayer in the public schools, separation of church and state, rights for homosexuals and abortion rights, Rubin said the Jewish community

is down the line more liberal than almost every other community.

"It would surprise many of us if the Jewish community did not go

Democratic this time, but the question is whether they will go

Democratic as much as they did

in years past.

"That is to say, will these liber-

al views keep them in that column

as they have in the past? They

have been as much as 30 per cent

more Democratic than the rest of

the electorate in the last few

elections.

"Or will these anxieties around anti-Semitism, around possible loss of support for Israel cause them to turn in a more conservative direction and cut down the Democratic plurality?"

Rubin said a recent AJC survey of Jewish-American voters

in others.

General rules and principles of human conduct have evolved in specific historical settings, and within those settings they have acquired strong presumptive authority. But in a situation of rapid social, cultural and technological change, the old principles may lose their acceptability as ethical guidelines.

Still, it is possible to define the outer limits of ethical behaviour that would be acceptable very widely in the modern world. What is more difficult to define is ethical decision-making within those limits, in the complex, ambiguous, uncertain and fast-changing circumstances in which humanitarian issues unfold.

conflicting elements of human societies. All cultures and religious credit human-being with a moral dimension and expect to see it manifested in however fragmented and diluted form.

The conceptual framework within which our Commission functioned was based essentially on an ethical core which can help build a wider consensus. The cornerstones of this framework were the values which from time immemorial have been a part of the collective consciousness of the human species, which have ensured their survival and well-being, and which have stood the test of time:

* Respect for life;

* Responsibility towards future generations;

* Protection of the human habitat;

* Altruism nurtured by a sense of mutual interest and a recognition of human dignity and worth.

We have borne in mind the values when examining the specific humanitarian issues which form the bulk of this Report. Recognising the value of a pragmatic and realistic approach, we endeavoured at the same time to remain fully conscious of the over-arching global issues which condition the humanitarian problems. Restraint in the exercise of sovereignty does not require an undermining or superseding of the state. It does, however, imply the need to agree upon effective and mutually agreed methods for holding states accountable for their actions, or for their inaction, in the face of another's dereliction of humanitarian obligations.

We recognise that disregard for humanitarian values is not found only in situations of overt conflict. It is also manifest in the willingness of the international community to stand by while hundreds of millions of people sink into the depths of absolute deprivation. This amounts to acceptance of a doctrine of dispensability applicable to the poorest and most helpless members of society. While the first line of responsibility for them rests with their own communities and states, these are often helpless to remedy a harmful situation. Often, they lack the resources or the skills to combat deprivation, or are in the grip of larger forces in the national or the world economy over which they have no control.

A broader consensus on humanitarian issues requires, in our view, a search for the highest common values that are widely shared despite all the negative,

because both candidates are so acceptable on Israel that these other issues come into play: domestic issues, concern with anti-Semitism, et cetera.

"Those will be the key decision points on how the Jewish vote will go."

Rubin also noted that Jews are running and being elected to political office in proportions that far exceed their number in the population.

"The interesting thing," he said, "is that... these Jews who are being elected today are not being elected from heavily Jewish districts. You have many Jews on the congressional and the senatorial level who are being elected from districts that are one per cent Jewish or less."

— U.S. Information Agency.

Israeli security primary concern for U.S. Jewish voters

WASHINGTON — The paramount concern of Jewish-Americans in the 1988 presidential election is Israel's security and American policy toward Israel, according to Gary Rubin, national programme director of the American Jewish Committee (AJC).

"A candidate, to get support from the Jewish community, will have to have a position in support of Israel's security," Rubin told reporters at the Foreign Press Centre last week. "Once that threshold is passed, then other issues come very much into play and matter very much to American Jews."

He said that Arab-American and Jewish-American organisations also "have a similar position on immigration, a similar position on civil rights and a similar position on hate crimes." He did admit there are sharp differences on American policy in the Middle East. "To the degree to which those differences are above-board, to the degree to which

the Jewish community is trying to seek their goals within the legitimate political arena, as both do — I think we ought to understand that we have different positions, we pursue them differently, and that is fine.

"However, to the degree — and this has spilled over on both sides, and I could cite examples; I am sure you could, too — where a pro-Israeli position or a pro-Arab position results, on the one hand, in anti-Arabism, or, on the other hand, in anti-Semitism in that sense, I think that that is out of bounds."

On issues such as prayer in the public schools, separation of church and state, rights for homosexuals and abortion rights, Rubin said the Jewish community

is down the line more liberal than almost every other community.

"It would surprise many of us if the Jewish community did not go

Democratic this time, but the question is whether they will go

Democratic as much as they did

in years past.

"That is to say, will these liber-

al views keep them in that column

as they have in the past? They

have been as much as 30 per cent

more Democratic than the rest of

the electorate in the last few

elections.

"Or will these anxieties around anti-Semitism, around possible loss of support for Israel cause them to turn in a more conservative direction and cut down the Democratic plurality?"

Rubin said a recent AJC survey of Jewish-American voters

showed 75 per cent of respondents said they considered anti-Semitism a major issue in the United States today, "the highest we have seen on surveys in a good deal of time."

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Regent urges Greek efforts

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Dudin explains measures

(Continued from page 1) "sound and normal measure that most countries undertake and implement."

Denying that this measure would affect tourism revenues, Ajlouni said that the chairman of the Jordanian Tourist and Travel Agents' Association and the chairman of the Jordanian Hotels Association told him that there would be no rise in the prices currently followed in hotel and restaurants.

He added that tourism in Jordan

is facing official delegations, held talks at the Foreign Ministry Wednesday on developments in the Middle East and the international scene. Masri explained Jordan's efforts towards peace in the region through convening an international conference under U.N. auspices and urged Greece, in its capacity as the present chairman of the EEC, to bring about such a conference.

Masri and the Greek minister,

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Police seize \$165,000 from Khashoggi

CORFU, Greece (AP) — Greek police last week confiscated \$165,000 from Saudi Arabian financier Adnan Khashoggi as he was leaving this Ionian Sea resort island for Spain, a police spokesman said Tuesday. The cash was confiscated by police at Corfu airport Friday. Khashoggi was going through a routine customs check before boarding a private jet to fly to Spain, where he has a home. "The money hadn't been declared when Khashoggi arrived here on Oct. 26, so it was confiscated and placed in a Greek bank," said the spokesman. According to the spokesman, Khashoggi said the money was aboard his yacht, the 305-ton Khalidah, when it arrived in Corfu port Oct. 23.

Nigeria frees Egyptair plane

CAIRO (AP) — An Egyptair jetliner detained by Nigerian authorities for two days in connection with a narcotics-smuggling investigation has been released and arrived in Cairo early Wednesday. Airline officials said the Boeing 767, with 147 passengers aboard, was refused permission Monday to leave Kano, in northern Nigeria, after narcotics allegedly were found hidden in the bodies of four Nigerian passengers when the plane arrived from Cairo. The Middle East News Agency said that as a result of the incident, Egyptair will no longer allow Nigerians to board its aircraft at Indian, Pakistani and Thai airports effective Wednesday.

Nathan turns down PNC invitation

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli peace campaigner Abie Nathan said Tuesday he was turning down an invitation to the Palestine National Council (PNC), due to meet in Algiers November 12, because the trip would cost him too much money. "It's a shame not to go but the cost would be exorbitant, some \$20-\$25,000. We just can't afford it," said Nathan, a Bombay-born Jew known for his flamboyant peace gestures. "Besides, I'm in enough trouble here already," he added. Nathan caused uproar in Israel in September when he met Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat in Tunis and Strasbourg, defying an Israeli law against contacts with the organisation. He told Reuters he was questioned by police on his return, but said they had taken no action since.

S. Arabia accepts Filipina maids

RIYADH (R) — The embassy of the Philippines in Riyadh is again accepting requests for maids and domestic servants following the lifting of a 10-month ban. But an embassy spokesman said Tuesday the applications were being held until new regulations arrived within the next two weeks. The Philippines' government lifted its "maid ban" on Saudi Arabia Oct. 31 after several months of increasingly strained labour relations. Manila slapped the ban on Saudi Arabia and other countries last January after reports of abuse and non-payment of wages.

Begin appears for first time in a year

TEL AVIV (R) — Former Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin, emerging from self-imposed seclusion for the first time in a year, visited his wife's grave Tuesday on the sixth anniversary of her death. Begin, 75, was supported by his daughters Leah and Hessa as he took short, unsteady steps to the grave of his wife Aliza on the Mount of Olives, where he was greeted by well-wishers including Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir. Begin resigned in August 1983 because of depression over his wife's death and rising casualties during Israel's invasion of Lebanon. Since then he imposed a rule of public silence, only rarely granting a radio interview.

"We in Israel look forward to

working with you and your administration for our common aim of achieving peace," Shamir said.

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Bush victory ends dollar 'honey moon'

LONDON (R) — A dollar honeymoon on news of George Bush's election victory was quickly over Wednesday when investors began selling America's currency on revived worries about huge U.S. trade and budget deficits.

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A first flush of enthusiasm for another Republican president brought a welter of buy orders, some from U.S. investment banks, which pushed the dollar up to 126 Japanese yen in Tokyo — where the market was open when Bush's win was confirmed.

But by the time European trading got into its stride, the currency faced selling pressure and at London's midday was trading around 124.50 yen and 1.7750 Deutschemarks, a sharp fall from

Tuesday closing values of 125.63 and 1.7890.

There was also a mixed reaction to the Bush victory on several stock exchanges.

"There was a mild round of applause at the outset but on the whole the Bush win has been labelled as boring," a share trader said in London where stocks fell.

Bullion traders said gold was virtually unaffected. It was set for the morning in the London mar-

ket at \$419.50 an ounce compared with Tuesday's final \$418.45.

Several European currency traders stayed up all night just in case there was a shock win by Democratic candidate Michael Dukakis when big clients would have probably dumped dollars.

Analysts said markets felt

Dukakis would have led the global economy into uncharted territory and also that Bush seemed more likely to resist pressures for trade protectionism.

But Bush has not convinced the markets that he has remedies for America's budget and trade deficits, hence Wednesday's dollar selling.

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Nov. 9, 1988.

	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	1888893	JD 2808955	1687
Top three companies:			
Arab Bank Limited	1780	JD 259380	88
National Cable and Wire Manufacturing Co.	169450	JD 196016	143
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	133152	JD 186253	61
Parallel market:	63091	JD 32867	—
Development bonds:	195	JD 181675	—

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Ministry of Labour	662186	Amman Chamber of Commerce	666151
Ministry of Communications	847391	Amman Chamber of Industry	644747
Ministry of Agriculture	632391	Association of Banks in Jordan	662258
Income Tax Department	660151	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647570
Central Bank of Jordan	630301	General Statistics Department	846171
Amman Customs Department	772181	Jordanian Businessmen Association	680663
Social Security Corporation	643000		
Jordan Industrial Estates Corporation	721194		

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Wednesday.

One Sterling	1.7825/35	U.S. dollar	1.2345/55
One U.S. dollar	1.7745/35	Canadian dollar	Deutschemarks
	1.9990/2.0000	Dutch guilders	Swiss francs
	1.4908/15	Belgian francs	French francs
	37.18/21	Italian lire	Japanese yen
	6.0570/0600	Swedish crowns	Norwegian crowns
	1319/1320	Danish crowns	U.S. dollars
	124.52/62		
	6.1510/60		
	6.6170/6220		
	6.8350/8400		
	419.40/419.90		

One ounce of gold

AMMAN EXCHANGE RATES

Wednesday Nov. 9, 1988			
Central Bank official rates			
Buy	Sell	Buy	Sell
U.S. dollar	458.0	460.0	228.1
Pound Sterling	814.1	818.2	74.2
Deutschemark	257.1	258.4	34.6
Swiss franc	306.4	307.9	34.8
French franc	75.3	75.7	122.6

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Stocks closed firmer on lower turnover as the U.S. presidential election kept a lid on activity. The All Ordinaries index rose 1.9 to 1,564.6.

TOKYO — Prices closed higher after the market's favoured choice, George Bush, won the U.S. presidential election. The Nikkei Index rose 205.51 to 28,212.78.

HONG KONG — The market closed weaker as short-term profit-taking eroded early highs inspired by George Bush's U.S. presidential victory in thin trade. The Hang Seng Index finished 4.04 points down from Tuesday's 2,587.02.

SINGAPORE — Share prices closed marginally higher over a broad front, but were off their early highs in moderate trading. The Straits Times Industrial Index rose 3.19 points to 1,026.46.

BOMBAY — Closed for holiday.

FRANKFURT — Lack of interest and disappointment with the muted market reaction to Bush's victory in the U.S. election pressured West German shares to a lower close in limited trading. The Real-Estate 30-share Dax Index ended at 1,277.30, off 10.58 points or 0.8 per cent from Tuesday's close.

ZURICH — Swiss shares closed slightly lower in cautious trading as dealers awaited fresh signals from financial markets after the U.S. elections. The All-Share Swiss Index closed 2.2 points lower at 933.3.

PARIS — French share prices turned lower in midsession after an initial rise on news that Bush had won the U.S. presidency. The 50-share bourse indicator was 0.25 per cent down at about 1200 GMT after starting the morning 0.12 per cent up.

LONDON — Shares were close to their lows on the day in dull afternoon business, giving up most of the gains scored Tuesday in anticipation Bush would win the election. At 1534 GMT the FTSE 100 index was down 17.2 points to 1,823.4.

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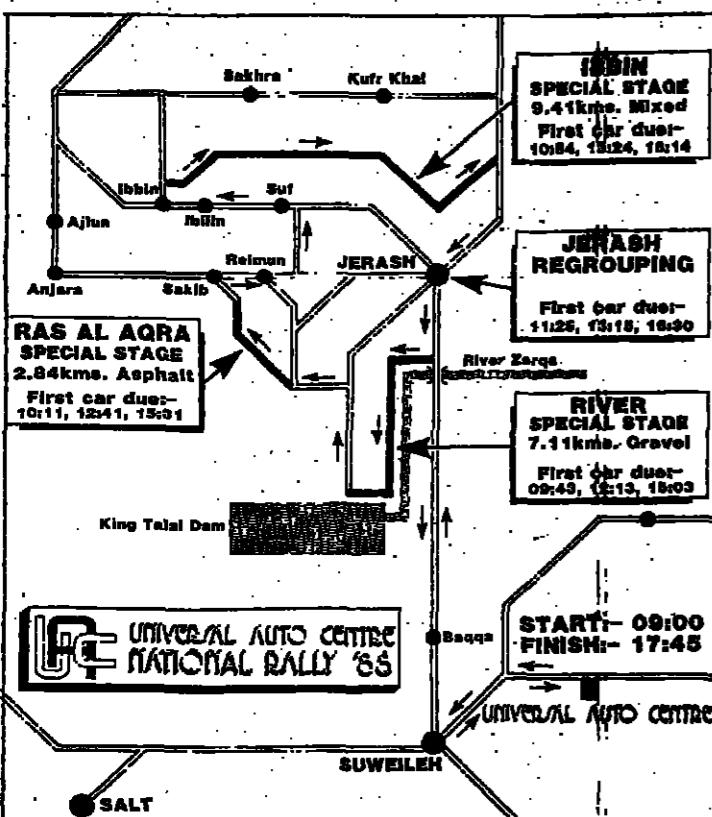
25 to participate in Jerash Rally

AMMAN (J.T.) — After the closing of registration for the Jerash Rally it has been confirmed that 25 cars will participate with tough competition expected for the last rally event for 1988.

For the first time in Jordan a women racing team has been formed under the patronage of Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor with Maha Astour as driver and Amal Ghandour as co-driver who will also take part in this rally. During the past years few women drivers participated in national championships and one worth mentioning here is Randa Nabulsi. It is certainly becoming a popular sport for women in Jordan.

Mazen Dajani with co-driver Ramzi Babous will be driving the first Group "N" car in Jordan, thus a tough competition is seen ahead for Dajani Friday.

Among the competent drivers taking part in this rally is Issa Halabi, George Khayyat, Haitham Murfi, Shehadeh Twal.



GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

CONTROL'S THE THING

Neither vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH	7 2	4	Q 9
WEST	♦ K Q 10 9 8 6 5 3	♦ J 8 4 3	♦ 10 5
EAST	♦ J 10 6 2	♦ K Q 9 7 5 3	♦ A K 7 5
SOUTH	♦ A K Q 9 6	♦ 8 4 3 2	♦ A 7

The bidding: East South West North 1 1 2 2 3 4 Pass Pass Pass.

Opening lead: Jack of C.

Here's your chance to test your knowledge of rubber and duplicate bridge tactics. Before reading on, decide how you would play this hand at both forms of the game.

The bidding might not be a thing of beauty, but it is typical of what can happen in a competitive auction. (To start with, South's hand is too strong for an overcall—we would have preferred a takeout double.) East's jump to four hearts was

a good stab and put pressure on South, though why he chose to bid four spades without support from partner, instead of doubling, is a mystery to us.

Obviously, your only worry is a 4-1 trump fit. If you win the ace of hearts and draw trumps, the likely 2-2 trump break will mean that a defender will ruin either the second trump club, and the defender will be able to take more than enough red-suit tricks to defeat you.

The solution at rubber bridge is easy. Win the ace of hearts and duck a trump at trick two. The best the defender can do is to cash their two diamond tricks. Thereafter, you can win any return draw trumps (using the ace of clubs as an entry, if necessary) and claim the rest of the tricks, because the club suit must run.

Can you afford this at duplicate? After all, if the spades are 3-3 you can take all the tricks, which would result in a very poor score if the field is making three overtricks at four spades.

Ah, that is the question: Will most North-South pairs reach four spades? Obviously not, so at duplicate it is also correct to make the safety play and assure your contract.

Entry list of the Universal Auto Centre National Rally '88

No.	Driver	Co-driver	Car	Group
1	Issa Halabi	Latif Al-Qasem	Nissan 240s	B4
2	George Khayyat	H.R.H. Prince Faisal	Nissan 240s	B4
3	Mohd. Shihab	Muhammad Ibrahim	Nissan 240s	B4
4	Marouf Abu Samra	Ihsaq Shiekh	Nissan 240s	B4
5	Halidah Al-Mutti	Haitham Al-Attaidin	Daihatsu Charman Spl.	S4
6	Suhail Marar	Adi Al-Hanani	Opel Manta 400	B4
7	Shehadeh Twal	Serge Teteianian	Opel Manta 400	B4
8	Nasser Bustani	Hassan Shishani	Nissan 240s	B4
9	Alfred Shatouni	Raed Shamsouni	Seat Ibiza	S2
10	Nabil Dweiri	Rafiq Bilemjani	Opel Manta 200	A3
11	Ahmad Qasq		Nissan 240s	B4
12	Mazen Dajani	Ramzi Bilejous	Toyota Corolla	N2
13	Mazen Khaboush	Osman Dousouki	Peugeot 205 GTI	A2
14	Bishara Corcor	Faisal Jaber	Datsun 1600 SSS	S2
15	Anjoud Farrah	Mahmoud Abu Dahab	Daihatsu Charman	S3
16	Mahmud Asfour	Nicola Bilejous	Volvo 244 Turbo	S4
17	Wahid Nabulsi	Amal Ghandour	Toyota Corolla GT	A2
18	Edward Kyriakos	Haziq Naser	Skoda 1130	A1
19	Ayman Zayed	Walid Kyriakos	Fiat 131 Spider	S2
20	Mervan Al-Hamad	Majdi Jallad	Datsun 240GT	S4
21	Mohamed Bassuni	Mohd. Al-Natour	Toyota Celica SR	S2
22	Khalil Foudeh	Jamil Al-Lati	Datsun 210	S3
23	Mohd. Shihab	Hassan Shishani	Toyota Celica 2000GT	S3
24	Khaled Zocharia	Nafez Steitich	Izuzu Trooper	S3
25			Daihatsu Charman	S3

Skating centre to open in Irbid

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Jordan Ice Skating Centre will open a new branch of its establishment on November 17th in Irbid under the patronage of H.R.H. Prince Abdullah Ibn Hussein.

The skating centre will be the second of its kind in Jordan.

Jordan Times
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TENDERS ANNOUNCEMENT Seventh Education Project

The contractors who had been qualified previously for the Seventh Education Project and willing to participate in the following bid are requested to get bid documents from the Projects and Buildings Directorate, Ministry of Education from Nov. 7, 1988 with the following conditions:

A- The Seventh Education Project is partially financed by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development.

B- Description of Tender

1. Tender No. 2/89 construction of school buildings in Hay Al Nuzha Area 4411 sq.m. 200 30000

C- Last date of purchasing copies of tender documents is Dec. 7, 1988.

D- Award for any contractor shall be based on the allowable ceiling of commitment and number of projects as indicated in the Government works byelaws and classification regulations.

E- Last date for submitting financial offers is Dec. 14, 1988 at 13.30 at the Ministry of Public Works.

Director of Central
Tendering Committee.

FORECAST FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

— As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Apply feelings and emotions to creative pursuits. Avoid taking trite matters too seriously. There is a tendency not to be satisfied with oneself. Acquaintances can take advantage of emotional vulnerability.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Ignoring health matters, nutrition and exercise will rob you of the strength needed for an exciting new cycle. Look for romance.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Legal matters need close scrutiny. Legal and print media and professionals should be complicated matters. Keep your head down.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You are on a roll at work. Recognition is coming. Recent input has solved a pressing organizational problem. Stay on course.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) An associate fosters a clever plan. Check that the outcome can meet expectations. Put disorganized business plans in order.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Someone has an immature attitude toward spending and finances. Establish peace by arbitrating future family plans. Spend time with children.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Baseless rumors have you upset.

and they are zapping your emotional energy. This is not the time to respond or clear the air.

LIBRA (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22) Analyze a business affair that has the potential of sending you on a wild goose chase. Move about, and associate with light-hearted friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Slow down to avoid careless actions. Get some rest. Answer a message from someone who is trying to get to you.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A flashy acquaintance tempts your better judgment. Take a few steps back to assess the situation. Stick to your original plans.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Aggravation tests your patience at work. A caggy co-worker bears watching. Self-confidence is at a high point. Don't push yourself.

ARQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Time is wasted on fruitless tasks. Relaxation and rest are important for fast-moving events coming up. Spend time with your mate.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Today will be a fortuitous day. Someone stirs your romantic interests. Stay away from strangers, and leave well enough alone.

FORECAST FOR FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1988

— As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: The attitude today is colorful and opportunistic. There is a spirit of adventure in the air. Daydreams appear about those we wish to meet and exotic places we wish to visit and explore. Tonight is for entertaining.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Get ahead of the game by putting your energy into home improvements. Put your house in order because unexpected company may drop by.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) A new co-worker is a shot in the arm. Reorganizational plans are implemented. Plan for an upcoming sporting or theater event.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You feel as though you have been working around the clock. Your energy level is low, so rest and relax. Keep a promise to a friend.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) You could ask for the moon and get it. Financial incentives are worthy of exploring. Invest resources wisely, and prosper.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) An important financial matter is resolved. Hold the line, and keep impulses in check. Take time to give attention to your spiritual life.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A female relative needs your advice.

counsel and comfort. Take action if she is reluctant to ask. Your relationship with your mate warms up.

LIBRA (Sep. 23 to Oct. 22) Don't fall asleep at the switch just when important opportunities and incentives appear. Take advantage of the situation. Later, make a move.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Emotions are on edge due to a domestic tangle. Say what you mean only after appraising the situation from various angles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) You will be successful if you introduce new ideas to a superior.

RESCINNARIS (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Rescinnaris talents before outlets appear. Fate has you by the hand.

CAPRICORN (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) You become impatient when masters are at a standstill. Use this down-time to explore personal interests. Metaphysics interest you.

AQUARIUS (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Worrying over other people's conditions when you are helpless to act is frustrating. Send a card of condolence. Watch your finances.

PISCES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You and your companion can improve things at home. Budget purchases can be made. You are a wise shopper. Your mood is excellent.

Tyson is reported running with the wrong crowd

LAS VEGAS (R) — Mike Tyson's estranged trainer says the heavyweight champion is spoiled rotten and in danger of becoming just another fat fighter.

In an interview with Reuters, Kevin Rooney, Tyson's trainer for the last few years, jumped head first into the months-long battle raging for Tyson's heart, mind and money.

That fight includes flamboyant promoter Don King.

"You better watch yourself," Rooney said to Tyson.

"You're falling into that syndrome, the Don King syndrome — fat boys that pass the title around so Don King can make money," he said, referring to King's promotion of less than terrific heavyweights in the past.

King, who was with Tyson at several fights in Las Vegas this week, has launched his own assault to win the affections of the champion, probably the biggest individual money machine in sport.

King is locked into a dispute with Tyson's manager Bill Cayton over a promotional agreement

Tyson is reported to have signed with King. Cayton claims King's attempt to move in on his fighter is illegal and has threatened legal action against the promoter.

Their dispute has held up setting the date of a fight between Tyson and Britain's Frank Bruno.

The bout had been tentatively scheduled for mid-January but

Rooney said he thought it would take place in February.

Rooney said Tyson belongs back in the gym and if he does not get back to training shortly he could find himself in trouble again.

Rooney's warning that Tyson could find Bruno troublesome is probably more of a scare tactic than an accurate prediction.

"I don't hear my phone ringing. I don't hear any calls from you saying let's get busy. I'm telling you now as your trainer that it's time. I'm telling you, not asking you. Otherwise your

career is going to skyrocket down."

"I see that you're 136-18 kilograms overweight," said Rooney, who guessed Tyson weighed about 113 kilograms.

"I have been telling you for two years now if you keep fooling around with letting your weight get like that it ain't coming off easy."

"It hurts me to see Mike say, 'Don King is my friend.' Don King ain't his friend. Don King doesn't give two cents about that. Because he don't want to see it," Rooney said.

An emotional Rooney, who

said the 22-year-old Tyson turned down his invitation to lunch last week, sometimes directly addressed the fighter.

"Mike doesn't know what he wants. He's been spoiled rotten his whole life. He's always had things done for him. Now Don King is doing things for him."

Rooney is the latest player to assert himself in the soap opera that has become Tyson's life.

The script includes marriage to a beautiful actress and a lawsuit prompted by his mother-in-law to get rid of Tyson.

There also is a million-dollar home, fights with his wife, accusations on national television that he physically abused her, a suit for divorce, an early-morning street brawl in which the champion broke his hand and a car crash that landed him in hospital.

"Tyson got these problems because of them. They all want a piece of the heavyweight champion of the world and Mike Tyson is too young and ignorant to see that. Because he don't want to see it," Rooney said.

Rooney's eruption at King followed a question about whether King was trying to have Tyson fire Rooney.

Rooney said King, who is black, uses racial identity to lure black fighters to sign with him.

"It's all about money. Don

King has a known reputation that he uses black and white to get to the black fighters. But all he cares about is green," Rooney said.

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Gdansk strikes collapse

GDANSK (R) — Young Solidarity militants Wednesday called off strikes at two Gdansk shipyards after failing to win support from other shipyard workers.

The stoppages at the Wisla and repair yards collapsed after only 24 hours.

They were staged by workers demanding re-legislation of Solidarity and revocation of a Polish government decision to shut the Lenin shipyard where the banned union was born.

"Nobody has joined us. We have to finish," an 18-year-old striker said, taking down red-and-white Polish flags emblazoned with the word solidarity from the gate of the repair yard and rolling them up.

Armenians protest at Bolshevik celebration

MOSCOW (R) — Tens of thousands of Soviet Armenians staged a national protest over what they regard as lost territory at Monday's Bolshevik Revolution anniversary parade in Yerevan, eyewitnesses said Wednesday.

Foreigners who were in the republican capital for the anniversary said the protesters blocked the city's central Lenin Square for well over three hours chanting their demands.

"It was difficult to believe you were in the Soviet Union," said one Westerner who asked not to be identified. "There were the Armenian leaders on the podium and all these people chanting at them."

The tourists said the protesters marched into the square in columns in what initially appeared to be the traditional civilian march past following a parade of tanks and other military equipment. But they were carrying banners demanding the transfer of the disputed territory of Nagorno-Karabakh to Armenia and for a full political statement on the matter.

Indian troops to stay in Maldives

TRIVANDRUM, India (R) — Indian troops airlifted into the Maldives to stop a coup by mercenaries will stay on until the political situation in the Indian ocean islands stabilises, Air Marshal G. Sen said Tuesday.

He said 500 of the 1,150 troops sent by India to assist President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom would stay.

Gayoom is due to be inaugurated for a third term as president Friday.

Fifteen people wounded in the failed coup are being treated in a heavily-guarded military hospital in this south Indian city. Sen said all were in stable condition, though shocked and under sedation.

Seven were wounded in the

Lech Walesa, which erupted Tuesday when he backed off from a threat to call nationwide strikes against the Lenin shipyard shutdown.

About 50 police stood near the gate of the Wisla yard and police vehicles waited outside the repair yard as the protest ended but police took no action.

Walesa, who has called the Lenin shipyard shutdown an attack on Solidarity's most symbolic stronghold, refused Tuesday to call out the yard's 11,000 men, saying the time was ripe for strikes.

Some observers believed he backed off knowing he would get little support for a nationwide strike call and because the government of Prime Minister Mieczyslaw Rakowski appeared to be

itching for a showdown.

Walesa instead denounced the young strikers for defying his authority. He threatened to resign, saying their action was a warning that a new generation of workers could run out of control.

The veteran Solidarity leader appeared to be telling the government that young workers were increasingly restless and radicalised because of the refusal to make concessions to Solidarity, and that he might be unable to control them.

Young militants expressed bitterness when Walesa called off Poland's second strike wave of the year last August, after the authorities invited Solidarity to talk on Poland's future and promised to consider re-legislating the union.

Rescue efforts continue in Chinese earthquake

PEKING (AP) — Military and government rescue teams Wednesday continued to airlift tents and medical supplies to a remote area of southwest China battered by the nation's most destructive earthquake of the decade, officials said.

The government has said more than 950 people in a lightly populated mountainous area near the Burmese border were killed by the Sunday night tremor. The quake registered 7.6 on the open-ended Richter Scale.

The Yunnan Provincial government said the main road link to the stricken area remained cut Wednesday. The government said the hundreds of injured are being treated locally because transporting them to the provincial capital of Kunming, 390 kilometres to the northeast, is not

feasible.

The quake was centred in Lancang and Menglian counties, and affected about 14 counties of rugged forested terrain covering 40,000 square kilometres in Yunnan's southwest corner.

Provincial officials said they did not know how many people live in the affected area, which is populated mainly by farmers of the Lahu, Va and Dai minorities.

The state-run Radio Peking said about 1,000 soldiers were deployed as rescue workers, and the central government had allocated 200 million Yuan (\$34 million) for rescue operations.

United Nations officials said they were meeting with Chinese counterparts Wednesday to discuss the relief efforts, but that so far China had not requested foreign assistance.

Supreme Court grants Marcoses temporary stay

WASHINGTON (R) — A U.S. Supreme Court justice granted temporary stay Tuesday of an order requiring them to produce bank records and other evidence demanded by a federal grand jury.

Justice Thurgood Marshall granted the stay of a lower court order requiring the Marcoses to give their fingerprints, handwriting samples and voice prints and turn over foreign bank records for a sweeping grand jury investigation.

The lower court order had given the couple until Wednesday to comply or be held in contempt of court and face possible imprisonment.

Marshall referred the matter to the full Supreme Court for consideration when the justices next meet Thursday.

Attorneys for the Marcoses asked the Supreme Court to block the court order on grounds that they retain diplomatic immunity and that the grand jury lacked authority to issue the four subpoenas.

The evidence was sought as part of a wide-ranging, two-year-old investigation by a federal grand jury in New York. The grand jury last month indicted the Marcoses and five others on racketeering charges.

The Marcoses were charged with looting the Philippine treasury of \$103 million, with using the money to secretly buy several Manhattan office buildings and defrauding U.S. banks of \$165 million.

Imelda Marcos, 59, pleaded not guilty to the charges last week in New York. Arraignment for her 71-year-old husband has been delayed by his claims of poor health.

The couple has lived in Hawaii since fleeing the Philippines in 1986 when they were overthrown in a military-backed popular uprising.

An attorney representing the couple has said his clients would comply with the court order unless Marshall issued a stay. If held in contempt of court, the Marcoses could be imprisoned for the duration of the grand jury's investigation.

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Piper Alpha survivors get money

ABERDEEN, Scotland (R) — The 42 survivors of the world's worst offshore oil disaster are to be given an interim compensation payment immediately and with no legal strings attached, the owners of the Piper Alpha rig said Tuesday. Mike Park, a lawyer for Occidental Petroleum, met lawyers representing the platform workers and their families and said afterwards that every survivor would receive the same undisclosed payment. The Piper Alpha oil platform, 180 kilometres off the Scottish coast, exploded July 6, killing 167 men. Forty-two survived. Occidental also agreed to drop a clause from its original compensation offer under which survivors would have been forced to testify in court if Occidental sued contractors who had carried out work on Piper Alpha.

Greenpeace issues report on waste

BRUSSELS (R) — Western industrialised states exported more than 3,650,000 tonnes of toxic waste to the Third World and Eastern Europe in the past two years, the Greenpeace environmental group said Tuesday. In a 125-page report timed to coincide with a U.N.-sponsored Geneva meeting working on an international waste disposal treaty, it said this figure was probably just "the tip of an iceberg." Greenpeace listed 143 companies it said were known to have taken part in such toxic waste exports. Greenpeace has attacked the proposed treaty being discussed at the meeting in Geneva, which began Monday, saying there should be an outright ban on all toxic waste exports from the industrialised world.

Rushdie wins novel prize

LONDON (R) — Indian-born author Salman Rushdie won the novel section of Britain's biggest literary prize Tuesday with "The Satanic Verses" and challenged the Indian government to lift its ban on the controversial book. "I hope the prime minister of India is listening. I think this award is a way of sending a message and I hope somebody over there is willing to receive it," Rushdie told Reuters after receiving the £1,500 (\$2,650) Whitbread Award. "The Satanic Verses" has been banned in India, Pakistan and South Africa following protests from some Muslims. "(The prize) is a way of saying that there is another relationship to books that's possible... rather than banning them or burning them," Rushdie said.

B-1B bomber crashes

ABILENE, Texas (R) — A U.S. B-1B strategic bomber crashed Tuesday near Dyess air force base in Texas and an eyewitness reported seeing flames shooting from its wings. A Defense Department statement in Washington gave no details or immediate casualty reports. It was the second crash of a B-1B, a controversial and costly bomber designed to penetrate enemy airspace at ground-hugging level with nuclear and conventional bombs and missiles. Three crew were killed in a September 1987 crash. "There were sparks coming out of the left wing, then the fire began to grow," said Lori Gordon, a local television reporter. She and several colleagues were in the station's car park and videotaped the plane's slow descent and crash.

Heart-liver surgery successful

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Eleven-year-old Stormie Jones, the world's only survivor of a heart-liver transplant operation, has undergone surgery to repair a blockage in a bile duct, hospital officials said. Doctors at children's hospital of Pittsburgh said the five-hour operation went well Tuesday. Stormie's liver function will continue to be monitored, and she will be watched closely for any signs of post-surgical problems, they said. The child in 1984 became the first person in the world to undergo a simultaneous heart-liver transplant. The landmark procedure was performed at children's hospital by Dr. Thomas E. Starzl, who performed Tuesday's operation. Two other people had the operation but neither survived.

Bishops hit population control

VATICAN CITY (R) — Roman Catholic bishops Tuesday criticised population control programmes in the Third World and accused Western countries of harming women's health through contraceptive imperialism. A Vatican statement after a two-day meeting of more than 50 bishops from several countries said: "They (the bishops) vigorously attacked contraceptive imperialism or neo-colonialism which ensures that aid to Third World countries is linked to vast contraception and sterilisation programmes, thus harming family life, threatening women's health and violating human rights." The bishops met to mark the 20th anniversary of Pope Paul VI's controversial encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* (on human life), which opposed abortion and artificial contraception.

Democrats keep majority in Congress despite Bush win

WASHINGTON (R) — George Bush's victory in Tuesday's presidential election was not strong enough to help his party in Congress where Democrats kept their majorities in both the Senate and House.

With races in a few western states still in doubt, the Democrats appeared to have increased their current 54 to 46 margin in the Senate by at least two. They also maintained an 80-seat lead in the House of Representatives, again with a few seats undecided.

Democrats won four Republican Senate seats, including Virginia where former Governor Charles Robb, a son-in-law of the late President Lyndon Johnson, beat little-known candidate Maurice Hawkins to succeed retiring Republican Paul Trible.

In Connecticut, the Senate's most liberal Republican Lowell Weicker, lost his seat to Democrat Joseph Lieberman, the state's attorney general, in an upset. Lieberman had often appeared to be the political right of Weicker, a maverick who often voted against

Reagan's policies.

Another Democratic gain came in Nebraska where former Governor Robert Kerrey ousted Republican Senator David Karnes. Karnes had been appointed in March 1987 to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Edward Zorinsky.

The Republicans picked up a seat in Mississippi where Representative Trent Lott beat Democrat Wayne Dowdy to succeed retiring 87-year-old Democrat John Stennis.

In Florida, Democrat Buddy MacKay had a slim lead over Republican Connie Mack for the seat of retiring Democrat Lawton Chiles. Mack, following the lead of Bush in the presidential race, had targeted MacKay as a liberal.

Democratic Senator John Melcher was trailing Republican Conrad Burns in Montana in another race where a winner may not be decided until later Wednesday.

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Shoplifting judge allowed to keep job

GOTEBORG, Sweden (AP) — A district court ruled Monday that a judge who was caught twice shoplifting is allowed to keep his seat on the bench, the national news agency TT reported. The court overturned a ruling by the Swedish disciplinary board last April to fire the magistrate, who cannot be named under Swedish press regulations. A spokesman for the board said a further appeal was under consideration. The judge was caught shoplifting in 1983 and 1987. The disciplinary board said one offense might be overlooked, but two offenses could undermine public trust in the judiciary.

Man damages copier with his posterior

ST. CLOUD, MINNESOTA (AP) — Police are seeking a young man who tried to take a picture of his posterior at a copying centre and left without paying the \$4,300 bill for damaging the machine beyond repair. Daniel Arndt, the manager of Kinko's copier, said the man dropped his pants and jumped onto a copying machine late one night while a clerk was helping another customer. The machine's glass plate broke and ruined the optics of the machine, Arndt said. The copier cannot be repaired and must be replaced.

Burglar puts doctor out of operation

CORAL GABLES, Florida (AP) — A burglar who stole a heart surgeon's instruments from a rented car has put the doctor out of operation for as much as three months. Among the tools stolen from Dr. Beethoven Brown was a custom-fit pair of magnifying eyeglasses that provide closeups of small blood vessels. "Basically, it is extremely difficult to see the coronary arteries without them," Brown said. "Therefore it is impossible to work without them." Having a new, individually fitted set of the \$1,200 glasses made could take three months, Brown said. Until then, he will have to restrict himself to nonsurgical treatment and rely on colleagues to perform operations.

Moscow expects talks with U.S. to continue under Bush

MOSCOW (R) — Moscow Radio said Wednesday the Soviet Union expected the dialogue with the United States to continue under the new administration of George Bush.

But in the first Soviet comment on Bush's victory in the U.S. presidential elections, the radio suggested he won partly because he managed to portray his Democratic opponent Michael Dukakis as a weakling in foreign policy.

"In the course of the election campaign, George Bush promised to follow President Reagan's course both in home and foreign policy, including on relations with the USSR," the radio said.

"The Americans' approval of the INF (intermediate nuclear missile) treaty concluded with the Soviet Union, the positive results achieved in settling regional conflicts, tipped the scales in Bush's favour," the radio said in its English-language world service's 9 a.m. (0600 GMT) news bulletin.

Despite the relatively confident tone of the radio commentary, there was clear concern in Moscow that Bush's proclaimed hard-line policies on arms and some regional conflicts could cause problems on the world scene.

In advance of the elections,

Soviet commentators who have given strong backing to Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev's more flexible approach to the West expressed some doubts over what a Bush victory might mean.

"If he goes for a gun-ho policy on, for example, pushing 'Star Wars' and outright support for the contras in Nicaragua, it will certainly please our home-grown reactionaries," said one prominent journalist who asked not to be identified.

"They are just waiting for a really tough line in Washington to help them prove that being reasonable with what they call the imperialists does not pay off and that we need to return to being tough," the journalist added.

Gorbachev has followed a foreign policy based on what he has termed "new thinking" — taking into account the concerns of the West and recognising where Soviet behaviour has in the past caused alarm about its international intentions.

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ENTERTAINMENT PLUS
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1 Fish sauce
5 Plot up an option
8 Fish branch
12 Samson city
14 Show strong affection
15 This is as good as it gets
20 Best — (God's work) (Milton)
21 Red wine
22 H. — (comes about)
24 London cop
25 London cash
26 Splashes
27 One of — days —
28 Single Pearl
30 Dark II

DOWN
1 Annex
2 Curved piece
4 Handicapped
5 Telephone exchanges
5 Independent
6 Aranish chiefs
7 Zeros
8 Building wing
9 Building wings
10 London section
11 Strange filer
12 Old-world
13 Some cuts
14 — (crosses) — Christ-mass
15 Swimming spot
16 Concerning
17 Lawyer after
20 Action! Mere

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25 Counsel; abbr.
27 Congregate
28 Sign of a hit
29 — Maria
31 Smile
34 Wimp's kid
36 Ump's kin
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52 Slow in — (stuck)
53 — (crosses) — Christ-mass
54 Empty
55 Cobain's — (crosses) — Christ-mass
56 Morrissey old
57 Magpie old
58 — (crosses) — Christ-mass
59 — (crosses) — Christ-mass
60 Poised
61 Uncles
62 Wise
63 — (crosses) — Christ-mass
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66 — (crosses) — Christ-mass
67 Passover feast
68 Main parts
69 Land
70 Recreational centers
71 — (crosses) — Christ-mass
72 Beach stuff
73 Fencing sword

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CRYPTOGRAMS

1. In the eyes of a small baby balloon, his mama is beautiful.